

Why is it important to drain or backwash your pool correctly?

Pool water contains chemicals such as salt and chlorine. When you drain pool or spa water into the storm drain, it goes into our creeks and lakes, and these chemicals are harmful to the environment and wildlife.

For this reason, the City of Mansfield has an ordinance controlling the discharge of pool water into the streets and storm drains.

When you drain your pool or spa water into the sewer cleanout, it travels through the City's sanitary sewer system to a water reclamation facility where it is treated.

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HOW TO DRAIN OR BACKWASH YOUR POOL

Easy tips on how to drain your pool and keep chemicals out of our waterways

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Steps to Take

Follow the steps in this brochure to comply with Mansfield City Code Chapter 52 when draining or backwashing your swimming pool or spa.

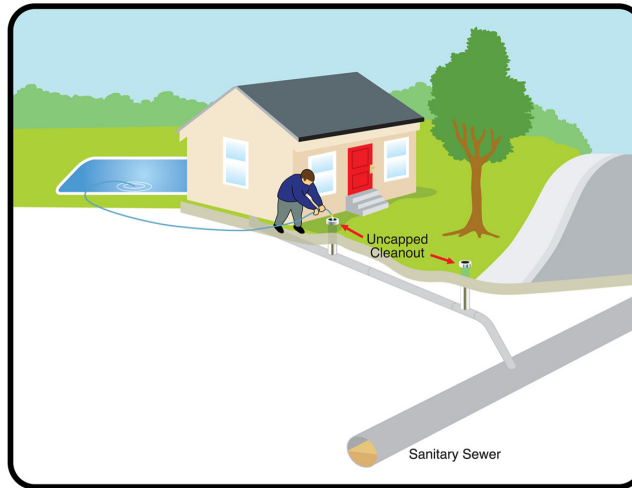
There are two options for draining your pool. Whichever option you choose, the water must be dechlorinated before you drain.

How to Dechlorinate

1. Allow the water to sit in the sun for five to 10 days without adding any chlorine or other chemicals, or use a chemical dechlorinating additive (contact your pool store for options).
2. Using a chlorine test kit, verify water that your water is dechlorinated. Chlorine should be .5 ppm or less, and cyanuric acid should be 200 ppm or less.

Option #1

Drain pool or spa water to the sanitary sewer system.



1. Locate the sanitary sewer cleanout pipe on your property. Sanitary sewer cleanout pipes are typically located somewhere near the front of the house (sometimes hidden in a flower bed), and are made of white PVC pipe.
2. Using a hose, connect a siphon or sump pump that pumps no more than 50 gallons per minute. Keep at least a two-inch gap between the hose and the cleanout pipe.
3. Pump the water from the pool to the cleanout pipe. Replace the cleanout pipe cover when pumping is complete.

Option #2

Drain pool or spa water to yard or landscaped areas.



1. Allow water to soak into the grassy or landscaped areas of your yard. This will filter out any residual pollutants.
2. Drain slowly enough to avoid flooding of your neighbor's property or any other property nearby.
3. If white filter material starts to flow into the street, move the hose so that it only flows onto your yard.

DO NOT drain swimming pool or spa water into to your septic sewer system, as it can cause system failure.